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LETTER DATED 13 OCTOBER 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The decision of the United Nations civil presence in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, to contract the air companies Tyrolean (Austria), Adria Airlines (Slovenia) and ADA (Albania) to fly commercial flights to Pristina has been taken without the prior consent of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. This decision is contrary to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and violates the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) membership rights of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, all the more so as the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has no bilateral air traffic agreements with the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Slovenia.

In this context, it is recalled that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia expressed its great concern at the unilateral and arbitrary decision of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) to open Pristina Airport to commercial flights in my letter to the President of the Security Council of 1 October 1999 (S/1999/1019). Bearing these facts in mind, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia reiterates its expectation that the decisions of UNMIK to open Pristina Airport and to grant permission to foreign air companies to fly commercial flights to Pristina will be revoked and that all relevant issues will be resolved in cooperation with the competent Federal authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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